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## Marginal Column

By RENE LAQUEUR

BONN over the week-end does not look its best. It had a well-known university and the most exclusive student corps but it was never intended to become a Capital and it really has never overcome the shock of having to absorb so many ministries and foreign legations and allied high commands. But, for better or worse, it is now the centre of German politics though yet a somewhat artificial one, and for the next days could give his book the apt name "Das Treibhaus" (The Greenhouse).

LAST week in Paris, a leading French Socialist and ex-Minister gave me the case against E.D.C. as he and his friends saw it. After all, there had been an important change in Soviet politics (he said) and a European army on the lines proposed was no longer necessary, nay, would be positively harmful. This argument unfortunately looks much less convincing on the other side of the Rhine. It is a great pity that the whole issue of European unity has been bogged down following the E.D.C. dispute (partly through American lack of imagination). It is of course, a much wider issue than that. But now the unpleasant truth is that if E.D.C. is not ratified soon (and there is no reason to assume that it will be) Germany will choose an alternative line of policy — and will be perfectly able to do so. Minister Strauss has just stated that this will be done within six months, which may be an exaggeration, but not by a very wide margin. And this alternative course will probably not be exactly what most of the people would have protested so emphatically against E.D.C.

THE first possibility now seriously considered in Bonn is in the old tradition of Tauroggen, Bismarck and Rapallo: A West German-Soviet rapprochement. Several leaders of the right-wing "Liberal" party such as Dehler, Pfeleiderer or Freusker and Middlehaus (the man who became famous for sheltering Neumann) have all come out for this new line of policy in recent days. Russian reaction has been favourable, it is reliably reported, and the new line of policy has nothing against a national army provided that it is not tied up with E.D.C. as they have pointed out repeatedly.

THE second alternative is the direct inclusion of Western Germany in NATO. E.D.C. after all, was invented only in order to allow French troops now in Germany to be withdrawn. It appears likely that the State Department will press for this solution in view of the mounting dissatisfaction and the pro-Russian orientation of the German right. Would either of these solutions be preferable to the French Socialist leader and his friends in Paris? That is undoubtedly the question to which E.D.C. if they wish, but the Germans will get their army now anyway, either with Russian or American troops. The difference being that E.D.C. would have given some control over the new German army while any new arrangement will give much less. A splinter success this for the foes of European unity.

CHANCELLOR Adenauer, for several years, has tried, honestly I think, to convince people inside his country and abroad of the advantages of West European unity. His policy has not found a large and positive echo on the other side of the Rhine, perhaps not quite unreasonably in view of the German record. But the political result of the rebuff administered to him will undoubtedly greatly weaken the "European orientation" in Bonn, if not cause it to disappear entirely. The Social Democrats, the Communists and the "Liberal" party, all already critics of Dr. Adenauer for having given in too much to the French in the talks about the future of the Saar. The "Liberal" leaders such as Dehler and Freusker have stated publicly that they are ready to leave the coalition over that issue. All this means that the Adenauer policy will be replaced or at least modified in the not-too-distant future by a far more nationalist German line since Dr. Adenauer failed to find allies for his European policy. This new development will hardly cause much enthusiasm in Paris and elsewhere, but it will be difficult this time mainly to blame the "European orientation" in Bonn. What in all probability, we will witness now is the repetition of 1930-33 with the Allies giving up of what they had refused to Brussels, and requesting Hitler to accept what they refused his predecessors. We have seen a German national army at the earliest possible date should therefore protest as loudly as possible against E.D.C. which by now appears a half-baked cause anyway.

Bonn, May 28.

MEDALS A LA MODE  
LONDON, Monday (INA). — There has been a great demand for German war medals which are now permitted to be worn without the swastika. It was reported today from Bonn.

## US To Go Ahead With World Atom Pool—like

NEW YORK, Monday. — President Eisenhower stated today that the U.S. will go ahead with international efforts to supply atomic power to peaceful purposes "assumed that... our hopes will survive even the most frustrating series of talks."

## Holland to Reduce Conscription Period

THE HAGUE, Monday (Reuters). — Holland will reduce the period of conscription from two years to 18 months, the Premier, Mr. Willem Drees, said in a written reply to a question in the Second Chamber today.

Mr. Drees added that Holland was consulting NATO organs about a reduction, and that the Government would "soon define its standpoint."

## Fazlul Huq Under House Arrest

KARACHI, Monday (Reuters). — Mr. Fazlul Huq, former Chief Minister of the East Bengal Provincial Ministry, has been arrested by the Pakistan Police and is being held in a house in the city.

It was officially announced that 150 persons were arrested last night and that more arrests are to be expected.

Pakistan Air Force planes dropped leaflets today over East Bengal villages denouncing Fazlul Huq as a traitor to Pakistan. The leaflets are a Bengali translation of last night's broadcast by the Pakistan Prime Minister, Mr. Mohammed Ali, explaining to 42 million East Bengal people why he ousted the Provincial Ministry and installed a new "strong man" Government to restore order to the troubled province.

Mr. Ali who has troops posted in the midst of the province, denounced the 30-year-old Chief Minister for failing to crush the riots which reached their climax recently at the world's largest jute market in Dhaka, where 380 persons were killed.

## Lloyd Says Cairo Must Show Cooperation

LONDON, Monday (Reuters). — The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, told the Commons today that the Egyptian negotiations would be governed by the extent to which Egypt cooperates in bringing about a settlement of the Suez Canal Zone.

These were the words of a British paratrooper and the burning of a British-owned military supplies warehouse.

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## French, Vietnam Delegates Meet In Geneva Today

GENEVA, Monday. — Military representatives of the two opposing sides in Indo-China will confer tomorrow to make arrangements for the meetings of delegations of the two High Commands, according to a communiqué issued after today's secret session in Indo-China here.

The next nine-power restricted session will be held on Wednesday, the communiqué added.

The New China News Agency's Geneva correspondent said tonight that today's session marked the beginning of concrete discussions on restoring peace.

A speedy cease-fire throughout Indo-China had been made possible by Chinese and Vietnamese "constructive and realistic proposals," he claimed.

"Crucial Questions" — The correspondent added that the "crucial questions" to be answered now are whether the cease-fire was simultaneous and complete "for all Indo-China" and whether the regrouping of opposing forces would apply to the smaller states of Laos and Cambodia as well as Vietnam.

Conference sources said that three sets of proposals were put forward at today's meeting on the supervision of a cease-fire in Indo-China.

Differing views were voiced by China and America's Group, Prime Minister, Mr. Chou En-lai, was reported to have suggested that control should follow the broad lines of the Geneva Conference.

The President said that the American people stood committed to two far-reaching policies which were "first and foremost" — "The building of a cooperative peace based on truth, justice and fairness, and in the pursuit of this purpose, the strengthening of America — and her friends — in love, liberty, in knowledge and comprehension in a democratic and prosperous world widely shared and in a military posture adequate for security."

In these two policies, he stressed, there was no idea of aggression, no intent to exploit others or to deny them their rightful place and space in the world.

Mr. Eisenhower added that his Administration, since it took office 16 months ago, was fully aware of the Communist danger in which the Communist policy must be dedicated to unremitting efforts for the preservation of peace within the enlightened and fundamental objectives of the U.S.

"We know that every negotiation with the Communists would be fraught with danger and pitfalls, but we know, too, that positive, determined, day-to-day work would pay real dividends," he said. "We sought (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

## Tunisia Acts To Curb Terrorism

TUNIS, Monday (UP). — The French Resident-General, M. Pierre Voizard, today announced sweeping measures to fight terrorism in the French protectorate.

In a radio broadcast, M. Voizard stated that the following measures have been taken: 1.— The first of five squadrons of mobile guards detailed for emergency duty in Tunisia are to arrive today. 2.— Algerian troops are being rushed to meet the present security force. 3.— Forty-eight mobile combat groups will be recruited from among French colonists to protect isolated communities.

M. Voizard, who was mobbed by angry French colonists at Tunis airport on Saturday, was returned from Paris, said that the French Government "intends to maintain public order and track down" the terrorists.

Police reported that a retired Tunisian warrant officer, Mohammed ben Hadi ben Fayd, was shot by an armed band of Tunisian outlaws last night. He was well known for his pro-French sentiments.

French, Germans Doing Business With China  
GENEVA, Monday (Reuters). — French and West German industrialists and businessmen were among the Western delegations who have made contact with the Chinese Communist delegation to the Asiatic conference for trade talks, an official Chinese spokesman said today.

Formosa Claims Sinking Communist Gunboat  
TAIPEI, Monday (Reuters). — Nationalist Chinese Air Force planes sank a 500-ton Communist gunboat and damaged three motorized junks off the Chekiang coast of China on Sunday, it was announced in Taipei yesterday.



LEGION RETURNS STRAYED 2-YEAR-OLD

A two-and-a-half-year old boy, who spent 48 hours in Arab territory, was returned by Arab legionnaires and police via Mandelbaum Gate yesterday, in the presence of a high-ranking U.N. officer and Israeli policeman.

The child, Baruch Reik, had been visiting relatives in the Mekor Haim waters with his mother when he wandered across the border. An Arab policeman picked him up and took him to his home in Bethlehem. There, the child played with the policeman's children. His host evidently not approving of the shabby clothing the boy was wearing, bought him new shoes, knickers and a pullover.

Baruch cried when he was handed back to the Israel authorities today despite the fact that the entire party came with his mother to give him a joyful welcome home.

## Jordanians Attack, 'Hutchison Unit' Censures Israel

BEERSHEBA, Monday. — Six Jordanian marauders attacked a member of the El Huzul' beduin tribe last night. After being hit with a rifle, they stole from the Beit Hana and IL228 in cash. Their tracks led to the Jordan border.

Also last night a cow and a mule, valued at IL1,500, were stolen from the Beit Hana settlement by marauders who had penetrated from the Gaza Strip. Traces of two barefooted men led across the border.

An Israel unit was fired upon yesterday while patrolling the Israel-Jordan armistice line in the vicinity of Umm el Faham, in the Triangle. The Army spokesman announced that the Jordanians who attacked it returned the fire. One of its members was slightly wounded.

Reuter reports from Amman that the Jordanian Government held a meeting to discuss an alleged Israeli attack on a village in the Tulkarm area on May 28. Jordan claimed the attack was a provocation in the fighting and that a mosque was demolished by mortar fire.

3 More Complaints  
Jordan also complained to the Commission about three incidents alleged to have been committed by Israel forces today. They said that an Israel force had fired on harvesters in the Jenin area, and that Israel planes had flown over a village in the Jenin area, according to a Reuter report from Amman. Jordan claimed to have returned the fire and that the Israel forces had retired across the border after a three-hour exchange. No casualties were reported.

The Egyptian-Israel M.A.C. held four emergency sessions at Kilometer 95 today. The first and third sessions were devoted to the situation in the Sinai Peninsula, and the second and fourth sessions were devoted to the situation in the Gaza Strip.

King Saud to Visit Jordan on June 13  
AMMAN, Monday (Reuters). — King Saud of Saudi Arabia will pay an official visit to Jordan on June 13 at the invitation of King Husayn, it was officially announced today.

King Saud is expected to discuss Arab and Jordan affairs, relations between Jordan and Iraq, the defence of Jordan frontier villages, and financial aid to the National Guard.

In Cairo today, the Saudi Arabian Embassy denied reports that Saudi Arabia had requested assistance from the U.S. Previous Arab reports said that Egypt, Saudi Arabia, the Lebanon and Syria have agreed in principle to follow Iraq's example in accepting U.S. arms assistance, and are now seeking peace among themselves regarding this matter.

MEMBERS IN US  
NEW YORK, Monday (Reuters). — Adnan Menderes, Prime Minister of Turkey, arrived here by air today on a visit to the U.S.

## Histadrut Steps In To Offset Doctors Strike

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TEL AVIV, Monday. — All signs point to the threatened strike of employed physicians being called off. The Central Committee and the Trades Union Department of the Histadrut this evening decided to recommend to the Government the setting up of a public committee to discuss the salary problems of the doctors.

The Israel Medical Association welcomed this decision. It suggested that such a committee, which should include representatives of the Association, the Histadrut, and organizations of employed physicians and health institutions, should end its work within a month.

The Histadrut Central Committee also decided this evening to return to its ranks the 19 members of the Kupat Holim Doctors' National Committee. They were ousted from the Histadrut on May 18 for calling on Kupat Holim physicians to strike for three days in defiance of the Histadrut. This decision was accepted following the receipt of a letter from a national conference of Kupat Holim physicians affirming their identification with the Histadrut and asking for the return of their colleagues.

In a meeting between the representatives of the Histadrut Executive and the Minister of Finance, it was suggested that 240 of the annual salaries of employed physicians be tax free in addition to the usual exemptions. This provision was in force from 1952 until the beginning of this year.

It is understood that the Minister of Finance agreed to this suggestion.

## Jobless Must Leave Big Towns—Myerson

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There is no long-term solution to the threatening unemployment except the offering of incentives to suitable persons to move from overcrowded urban areas to the north and south, where productive work is available, Mrs. Golda Myerson, the Minister of Labour, said yesterday.

In a statement to the Knesset on the Government's employment policy, she said that she would ask for several tens of millions of pounds to be transferred to development and employment schemes with this end in view, but without increasing the overall budget.

Mrs. Myerson stated that about 30% of the total registered unemployment in the country was in the Tel Aviv-Peta Tikva area, and another 11% in the Haifa area. She emphasized particularly that more than a third of the persons applying to the labour exchange were between 18 and 34 years old who were totally unskilled, and that the country could not afford to leave them without a trade forever.

17,000 Given Work  
During the past year, she continued, an average of 17,000 to 18,000 persons had been given work on development schemes about half of them from the special funds allocated to the creation of employment. There had been rough average of 15,000 persons out of work during the year, rating as "unemployed" persons who had applied to the labour exchanges and been given no work for more than a month.

This figure dropped to about 9,000 in March and September, when the holidays occasioned extra work, and rose to a maximum of 20,000 in summer.

The Government estimated that during the 1953-54 financial year, work would have to be found for about 60,000 persons, including immigrants, discharged soldiers, Arab workers and young persons coming on the labour market. At 280 work-days per year, this came to about 14 to 15 million work-days. Of these, 15 million work-days would come from normal sources of employment, including agriculture and building, about 4.5 million from development schemes (water, roads, housing, etc.), and 1.5 million from the preparation of land for settlement.

Need 3 Million Work-Days  
It had been decided that another three million work-days would have to be created through the employment fund applied to development projects. These would have to be found for about 100,000 persons, including immigrants, discharged soldiers, Arab workers and young persons coming on the labour market. At 280 work-days per year, this came to about 14 to 15 million work-days. Of these, 15 million work-days would come from normal sources of employment, including agriculture and building, about 4.5 million from development schemes (water, roads, housing, etc.), and 1.5 million from the preparation of land for settlement.

Approaching her main theme, Mrs. Myerson said that it must be understood that there was "cheap" and "expensive" employment on public projects. Genuine development schemes are "expensive" because the cost of the labour is only a small fraction of the total cost involved, whereas public works such as afforestation, for example, might be "cheap." In the long run, however, the only economic progress was that which was productive.

She placed great value on the scheme in which the Government had cooperated with the Jewish Agency's Settlement Department since the beginning of the year by which settlers in new villages were offered 12 days of work a month on condition that they carefully tended their farms during the rest of the month. The work applied to roads and general improvements in the area, as public works such as afforestation, for example, might be "cheap." In the long run, however, the only economic progress was that which was productive.

Popular Loan Law Accepted  
The Knesset last night passed the Popular Loan Law, 1954, after rejecting three amendments presented by Mr. Hanan Rubin (Mapai). The amendment proposed that the loan be abolished, the value of the bonds be tied to the cost-of-living index and that 4% interest be paid.

The Knesset then approved Israel's adherence to the Convention of the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Mr. Warhaftig offered his resignation last week following the search made at the World Mishrahi Union office in Jerusalem, in connection with investigations into the financial transactions of Mr. M. Rosenberg, Mishrahi Member of the Knesset.

Moshe Haimzari has also asked Mr. Warhaftig to insist that investigations be carried out into the manner in which every political party has transferred funds from abroad.

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